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United States Patent Application

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: STENTS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING STENTS FROM WIRES HAVING HYDROGEL COATING LAYERS THEREON.

The specification of which

a. is attached hereto
b. X was filed on 11/27/2000 as application serial no. 09/721,881 and was amended on (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. filed and as amended on (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent of inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

a. X no such applications have been filed.

b. such applications have been filed as follows:

FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, CLAIMING PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC §119

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	DATE OF ISSUE

ALL FOREIGN APPLICATIONS, IF ANY, FILED BEFORE THE PRIORITY APPLICATION(S)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §1120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §156(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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S 1.56 Duty of disclosure; fraud, striking or rejection of applications.

(a) A duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office rests on the inventor, on each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application and on every other individual who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application. All such individuals have a duty to disclose to the Office information they are aware of which is material to the examination of the application. Such information is material where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent. The duty is commensurate with the degree of involvement in the preparation or prosecution of the application.

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	STATUS (patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 201 <i>M. Vahan</i>				DATE 19 Dec 2001
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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 202 <i>Linda Cahalan</i>				DATE 24 Jan 2002
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Additional pages for fourth and subsequent inventors attached.

This Declaration ends with this page.

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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 20			DATE 19 DEC 2001	

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Docket No. P-4566

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Michel VERHOEVEN et al. Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No.: 09/721,881 Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: November 27, 2000

For: STENTS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING STENTS FROM WIRES
HAVING HYDROGEL COATING LAYERS THEREON

REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO §1.48(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a) that inventorship of the above-identified provisional patent application be corrected to add Linda Lee Cahalan, Patrick Cahalan, and Vincent Larik.

Prior to amendment, the following individual was the named inventor:

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The Netherlands

Please amend the U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/721,881 to add the name of the following individuals as inventors:

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Request to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to §1.48(a)

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REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the erroneous omission of the names Linda Lee Cahalan, Patrick Cahalan, and Vincent Larik as inventors were made without any deceptive intention on their part as evidenced by the Statement of Linda Lee Cahalan, Patrick Cahalan, and Vincent Larik under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(2) submitted herewith.

Also, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.48(a)(3) and 1.48(a)(5), attached is the written consent of the assignee to this correction in inventorship and a Declaration by the actual inventors in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63.

Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 for the processing fee in the amount of \$130.00 for the correction of inventorship, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.48(a)(4) and 1.17(i). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for this petition or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 13-2546.

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As the errors in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent, Applicants respectfully requested the request for change in inventorship be allowed. If a telephone conference would be of assistance, please contact the below-signed attorney at (763)514-3652 or +31 43 356 6845.

Respectfully submitted,
Michel Verhoeven et al.
By their attorney,

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STATEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING ADDITION
AS INVENTOR PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(2)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Linda Lee Cahalan, Patrick Cahalan and Vincent Larik, make this statement in connection with the request to correct the inventorship in the above-identified patent application, U.S. application Serial No. 09/721,881, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a).

**STATEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING ADDITION AS
INVENTOR PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(2)**

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Our names were erroneously omitted as named inventors at the time the present application was filed. This error in inventorship was made without deceptive intention on our part.

24 Jan. 2002

Date

Linda Lee Cahalan

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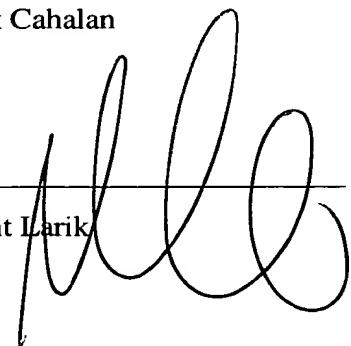
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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 CFR §1.48(a)(5) TO
THE REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Medtronic Inc. consents to the change of inventorship from the sole inventorship of Michel Verhoeven to the joint inventorship of Michel Verhoeven, Linda Lee Cahalan, Patrick Cahalan and Vincent Larik.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

Medtronic Inc. hereby certifies that they are the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors for which a copy thereof is attached.

I have reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

**Consent of Assignee Under 37 CFR §1.48(a)(5) to the Request to Correct Inventorship
and Certificate Under 37 CFR §3.73(b)**

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I am empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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